

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

### *You have the right:*

- To be safe from abuse.
- To court advocacy and legal protection from abuse.
- To confidential counseling and support.

### **Safety Planning**

***Remember, no one has the right to hurt or threaten you. Some things to keep in mind if you are experiencing violence in your relationship:***

- Think about whether you need to leave your home and identify the safest way to do so.
- If a violent episode seems unavoidable, try to stay near an exit or in a room with access to an exit. When possible, stay away from the kitchen, bedroom or any room where weapons might be.
- Identify a neighbor that you can talk to and ask them to call 911 if they hear a disturbance in your home.
- Decide and plan where you will go if you need to leave quickly.
- Tell your children the plan and teach them to dial 911 for help.
- Remember that leaving can be your most dangerous time. Review your plan regularly, get support from someone you trust and use caution when you go.

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## SERVICES ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

### **District Attorney's Office**

#### •Victim Witness Unit:

#### **Hampshire County:**

Northampton 1-413-586-5780

Hadley 1-413-584-9831

#### **Franklin County:**

Greenfield 1-413-772-6944

Orange 1-978-544-7376

### **Shelter Referral/Advocacy**

**\*24 hr**

•**Safe Passage** – Northampton  
1-413-586-5066\* ; 1-888-345-5282\* (toll free)

#### •NELCWIT

Greenfield 1-413-772-0806\*

Orange/Athol 1-978-544-9857

Toll Free 1-888-249-0806\*

•**Everywoman's Center** - UMASS  
1-413-545-0800\*; 1-888-337-0800\* (toll free)

•**Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project**  
1-800-832-1901\* (voice/TTY) (toll free)

### **SAFEPLAN (court advocacy)**

Northampton 1-413-586-4545

Greenfield 1-413-772-0806

Hadley 1-413-584-2650

Orange/Athol 1-978-544-9857

### **Batterer's Intervention Services**

#### •Moving Forward

(sliding scale fee)

Amherst 1-413-253-9588

Greenfield 1-413-773-8181

Athol 1-978-575-9994

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROJECT

### PARTNERSHIP FOR A COORDINATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE

### A Cooperative Effort of

**District Attorney Elizabeth D. Scheibel**

**Participating Police Departments in Hampshire and Franklin County**

### Safe Passage

**The New England Learning Center For Women In Transition (NELCWIT)**

**Men's Resource Center – Men Overcoming Violence Program (MOVE)**

### Everywoman's Center

**Northampton and Shelburne Falls State Police Regional Dispatch Centers**

**For More Information  
413-774-3186**

## WHAT IS THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROJECT (DVIP)?

The DVIP is an early intervention model designed to coordinate the efforts of police, advocates, court personnel and batterer's intervention programs. *Its goals are:*

- To reduce the high risk of domestic violence and to improve the delivery of services to survivors and their children.
- To provide direct contact and crisis intervention with victims of abuse immediately following an abusive incident.
- To provide abusers with alternatives to violence at a time when the abuser may be most receptive, at the time of arraignment.
- To enhance and expand the collaboration of providers assisting survivors of domestic violence.
- To build a partnership that utilizes a team approach to problem solving difficult cases.

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## WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE DVIP?

The DVIP Partnership is comprised of representatives from the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, the New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT), Safe Passage, Men's Resource Center, Everywoman's Center, SAFEPLAN, Shelburne Falls and Northampton State Police Dispatch Centers and the following Police Departments:

### *Hampshire County*

Amherst, Amherst College, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hampshire College, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Mount Holyoke College, Northampton, Pelham, Plainfield, Smith College, South Hadley, Southampton, University of Massachusetts, Ware, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington

### *Franklin County/North Quabbin Area*

Ashfield, Athol, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Wendell and Whately



## WHAT DOES THE DVIP DO?

### *Intervention for the Victim*

Specially trained advocates from the local battered women's program are immediately available to respond following a domestic violence arrest. Participating police departments contact the on-call advocate and the advocate then contacts the victim and arranges to meet with her in a safe location. The advocate's role is to offer the victim immediate support, information regarding her options and referrals for counseling, shelter and/or legal advocacy.

### *Intervention for the Abuser*

In an effort to hold the abuser accountable for his/her actions, representatives from the local batterer's intervention program are available to meet with offenders at the time of their arraignment. Offenders are given information about the program and an opportunity to make an appointment for an intake.

### *Partnership Working Group*

The Partnership Working Group provides an opportunity for police and advocates to do program planning, team building and problem solving.